

SEMESTER 2

2026



PERFORMING ARTS

Welcome to another exciting semester filled with vibrant Performing Arts activities across the College. Highlights include the College Musical "School of Rock", Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival, Soirée, and the MCA Awards Night at QPAC.

MCA MUSICAL - 'SCHOOL OF ROCK'

Thursday 23rd - Sunday 26th July | 6:30 pm (Thu-Sat), 2:00 pm (Sun) | Draney Theatre

The Marist College Ashgrove Musical returns in 2026 with an exciting production of 'School of Rock', in collaboration with students from Mt St Michael's College, Brigidine College and The Stuartholme School. Based on the hit Jack Black film and powered by an electrifying Andrew Lloyd Webber score, this feel-good musical tells the story of how a down-on-his-luck rocker transforms a class of strait-laced prep-school students into a powerhouse rock band and helps them discover their voices along the way. Featuring talented performers from Years 7-12, this production promises to be a standout event on the College's arts calendar.

Tickets available at events.humanitix.com/mca-school-of-rock

HEAD OF COLLEGE TOUR

Friday 24th July | Marist College Ashgrove

String Quartet, Chamber Choir and DJ students will showcase the music department during the Head of College Tour.

Further details will be provided closer to the date.

BRISBANE YOUTH JAZZ FESTIVAL

Tuesday 28th July | 6:50 pm | St Peter's Lutheran College

The Brisbane Youth Jazz Festival returns in 2026. This multi-day festival showcases the best young jazz musicians around Brisbane. Come and hear the talented students of Big Band 1 play and celebrate the next generation of jazz greats.

Tickets available from brisbanejazzclub.com

YEAR 5 BAND & STRINGS CONCERT

Thursday 30th July | Session 1 - 5:45 pm / Session 2 - 6:45 pm | Draney Theatre

Come along and hear the stars of the future with the Year 5 Band and Strings performing for the first time this semester.

The concert will be separated into two sessions. Session 1: 5 Blue, 5 Gold, 5 Maroon, 5 Red. Session 2: 5 Silver, 5 Violet, 5 White. **Admission: Free, however tickets must be reserved (limit of 4 tickets per family)**

THE TOWER ART SHOW

Friday 7th - Sunday 9th August | Marist College Ashgrove

The show features prominent and up-and-coming local artists from across Queensland and promotes the extraordinary artistic talents of students who will be encouraged to display their work. Regional Queensland artists will also be invited to exhibit along with members of the school's boarding community.

Opening Night is a ticketed event, otherwise free entry.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Sunday 9th August | 10:00 am | John Eales Grandstand

Come and experience the College's finest rock bands battle it out for musical domination. The competition begins on McMahon Oval after the completion of the Walkathon. This event has launched the careers of multiple ARIA award-winning and nominated artists. Who will reign supreme in the Battle of the Bands Stadium for 2026?

QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & COLLEGES MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thursday 13th - Sunday 16th August | Villanova College & Adjoining Venues

The Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival (QCMF) is a celebration of all things musical, uniting many Catholic schools from around Queensland and featuring a diverse range of genres. Symphony Orchestra, Big Band 1, Wind Orchestra 1, Chamber Strings, Chamber Choir, Guitar Orchestra 1, Percussion Ensemble 1, and Performance Choir will be participating in this three-day festival which falls over the EKKa break. A full schedule for performing ensembles is available on the QCMF website.

Tickets available from qcmf.com.au

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES WEEK

Monday 24th - Friday 29th August | Marist College Ashgrove

Enjoy this week-long event that sees the Music, Drama, Visual Art, and Film & TV departments join forces to celebrate the Arts at Marist College Ashgrove. Students across all year levels can participate in activities and workshops, and enjoy a wide range of entertainment.

Further details will be communicated closer to the date.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Thursday 17th September | 9:00 am | Champagnat Centre

This morning concert will showcase a selection of the College's premier ensembles for grandparents of the Marist College Ashgrove community.

Further details will be communicated closer to the date.

YEAR 7 MARIST DRAMA - SHORT FILM SCREENING

Wednesday 16th September | 5:30 pm | Experimental Theatre

Please join the Marist Drama Year 7 boys as they present the world premiere of their new short films, 'Dogfish', 'Hitchcock', 'Average', and 'Treasure Hunt'. Devised and performed by the boys, their stories of school life are bound to entertain.

SOIRÉE

Thursday 17th September | 6:30 pm | Champagnat Centre

All members of the College community are invited to this annual gala event to farewell our 2026 Year 12 students. This celebratory concert will feature all of the College's large and small ensembles. Food and drinks will be available to purchase.

Bookings essential: Adults \$10, Students \$5

AUSTRALIAN HONOURS ENSEMBLE PROGRAM (AHEP)

Wednesday 30th September - Saturday 3rd October | Conservatorium Theatre, South Bank

Auditioned Marist musicians will participate in this highly respected program bringing together the finest young musicians from across the country. Under the tutelage of a team of eminent national and international conductors in a world-class environment, the program culminates with four gala concerts at the Conservatorium Theatre, Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, South Bank.

Further details will be communicated closer to the date.

STATE HONOURS ENSEMBLE PROGRAM (SHEP) - QUEENSLAND

Thursday 1st - Sunday 4th October | Conservatorium Theatre, Southbank

A select group of nominated Marist musicians will participate in this highly respected program bringing together the finest young musicians from across the stage. Under the guidance of distinguished national and international conductors, the program culminates with four gala concerts at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, South Bank.

Further details will be communicated closer to the date.

MCA AWARDS NIGHT

Monday 12th October | 6:30 pm | Concert Hall, QPAC

All members of the Marist College Ashgrove community are invited to join us for a night of celebration and entertainment as we congratulate our students for their achievements in the areas of mission, sport, culture, wellbeing, and academics. As part of the evening's entertainment, you will have the opportunity to enjoy performances by a selection of the College's ensembles.

Further details will be communicated closer to the date.

THEATRE ASH PERFORMANCE - 'HOODS'

Thursday 15th October | 6:30 pm | Draney Theatre

Our Theatre Ash program returns with a production of award-winning Queensland writer Angela Betzien's play, Hoods. Auditions will be occurring in late July - all students are welcome to audition, no singing required. We invite you to come and see these talented young actors present this compelling and thought-provoking drama, a suburban tale of survival and solidarity against the odds.

Tickets: further details will be communicated closer to the date.

HEAD OF COLLEGE TOUR

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GRADUATE ARTS EXHIBITION AND AWARDS NIGHT

Monday 19th October | 6:00 pm | Draney Theatre

The Visual Art, Drama, and Film & TV departments present their Graduate Arts evening, a wonderful opportunity to see the creativity, innovation and dedication that the graduating seniors have demonstrated during 2026.

Further details will be communicated closer to the date.

SUMMER CONCERT

Thursday 5th November | 6:30 pm | Draney Theatre

Come and experience the delight of a combined ensembles concert, performing for the final time this year. Join us as we send off the year in style, featuring a diverse program of musical gems.

Bookings essential: Adults \$10, Students \$5

YEAR 5 MARIST DRAMA - 'BREAKING NEWS'

Monday 4th November | 6:00 pm | Draney Theatre

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend the Year 5 Marist Drama End of Year Concert. Our youngest actors will perform the play, 'Breaking News' as well as a collection of poems and tv-centric skits. It's an opportunity for the boys to tread the boards and show off their theatrical skills which they have been honing throughout the year.

Bookings essential: Adults \$10, Students \$5

YEAR 6 MARIST DRAMA - 'LARRY SNUGGLEDUFF AND THE HUFFLEPUFFERS'

Wednesday 4th November | 6:00 pm | Draney Theatre

The Year 6 boys (with some special guest appearances from our older students) will present the full length play, 'Larry Snuggleduff and the Hufflepuffers'. Filled with epic battles and toe taping dance numbers, the boys are sure to delight as you delve into everything Hogwarts.

Bookings essential: Adults \$10, Students \$5

STUDIO CONCERTS

Tuesday 10th November | 3:30 pm | MCA Music Centre

These intimate concerts provide our instrumental music students with the opportunity to showcase their solo recital skills in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Free entry, no booking required.

YEAR 5 BAND & STRINGS CONCERT

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Admission: Free, however tickets must be reserved (limit of 4 tickets per family)

PRIMARY STATE HONOURS ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

Saturday 28th - Sunday 29th November | Conservatorium Theatre, South Bank

A select group of nominated Marist musicians from Years 5 and 6 will participate in the Primary State Honours Ensemble Program. Under instruction by national and international conductors in a world-class environment, the program culminates with a performance in the Conservatorium Theatre, Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, South Bank.

Throughout the semester, various small and large ensembles will feature in additional performances, including College assemblies, events, festivals, house meetings and more. Some Lunchtime Concerts with guest performers from the community are yet to be announced. Details of these performances will be available via the College App.

Tickets for events at Marist College Ashgrove are typically available 2 weeks before the concert date. To book your tickets, please scan the QR code below or visit <https://collections.humanitix.com/mca-arts>



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